



Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

January 15, 2004

Re: Docket No. 93-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 12, 2004, I held a telephone conversation with Jordan Goldstein in the above captioned docket. I reemphasized my prior filings stating that a candidate's desires are the primary consideration when a broadcaster is considering whether to grant a candidate time. While candidates might not have the right to audiences with *identical* demographics, they must be extremely similar. In addition, I explained that there are few relevant distinctions between cable and DBS services with respect to the law. Although DBS services are national, the statute requires full application of 312(a)(7) to DBS services, and thus there can be no distinction between more local and national federal candidates. I encouraged the Commission to adopt public file obligations that allow residents anywhere in the country to receive a copy of the public file without having to travel to the DBS headquarters.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), a copy of this letter is being filed electronically today.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Leanza
Deputy Director